

2021 IITPSA Annual General Meeting

Non-Executive Director Nominees – Biographies

2021 Candidates for the IITPSA Board of Directors

Nominations for each of the three candidates below (numbered 1 to 3), were received from IITPSA members, each of them having been formally, correctly and timeously lodged with the Institute.

Candidate 1 – Prof. Lynn Futcher



Affiliation: Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Prof Futcher is currently an Associate Professor of the School of IT (SoIT), Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Technology (EBET), at the Nelson Mandela University based in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. In addition, she is the Head of Department for the Department of Information Management and Governance and coordinator of the MPhil in IT Governance qualification.

Prof Futcher has a PhD in Information Technology. Her primary areas of research include Information and Cyber Security Education and Secure Software Development and as such is a key member of the Nelson Mandela University's Centre for Research in Information and Cyber Security (CRICS). She also has a keen interest in IT Project Management, Human Computer Interaction, User Experience and Usable Security.

Prof Futcher has been actively involved in the IFIP Working Group 11.8 (Information Security Education) since 2005 which aims to promote Information Security Education, Training and Awareness in academia, government and industry by encouraging collaboration and engagement amongst these key stakeholders. She has taken on several IFIP WG11.8 committee positions including Chair (2014 to 2020), Vice-Chair (2005 to 2011) and Secretary (2011 to 2014). In 2020 she was nominated as a specialist member to IFIP TC11, the technical committee for Security and Privacy Protection in Information Processing Systems.

Prof Futcher is also currently the Chair of the Eastern Cape Chapter of the IITPSA, and an active member of the Women in IT Chapter.

Candidate 2 – Mr. Johan Steyn



Johan Steyn is an Artificial Intelligence enthusiast and speaks globally at conferences on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Emerging Technologies. 2019 award winner Best AI & Robotics Management Consultant by Wealth & Finance magazine.

He is a published author who regularly contributes articles on thought-leadership to well-known publications such as Business Day, the Sunday Times, and ITWeb. Johan also speaks regularly on topics related to smart technology, automation, artificial intelligence and robotics.

[Click here](#) for Johan's speaking events.

He is the Chair of the Special Interest Group on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics with the IITPSA (Institute of Information Technology Professionals of South Africa) and has been elected to the Chapter Committee of the IITPSA Gauteng Chapter.

Johan works for PwC South Africa as Lead Architect: Automation.

Candidate 3 – Ms. Josine Overdeest



With 25+ years' experience in the ICT industry, of which over 15 years in South Africa, Josine Overdeest works as a consultant and entrepreneur in the digital development space, following her passion for inclusion and development of people, organisations and the ever-changing society we live in.

Through her company Bamboo Rock Josine develops and executes projects across the digital divide, strategy and implementation, people and technology, private and public, business and social, the familiar and the unfamiliar.

Josine is excited about the potential of digital solutions and digital skills development in the education sector and loves being involved with projects for teacher development. Through these projects she learned about the great value that young teachers with ICT in education specialisation could add to the basic education sector and the difficulty they have to find employment that makes optimal use of their digital skills.

This has led to the establishment of Flying Cows of Jozi, building a movement of digital change agents for 21st century basic education. Flying Cows of Jozi employs young teachers on digital education projects and offers the professional and personal development to build their confidence and agency.